

## 6 Present Perfect (I've finished); for, since

- 1 We form the Present Perfect with **have** or **has** and a past participle (e.g. **finished**):

<b>POSITIVE</b>		
I/you/we/they	have/'ve	} finished.
He/she/it	has/'s	
<b>NEGATIVE</b>		
I/you/we/they	haven't	} finished.
He/she/it	hasn't	
<b>QUESTIONS</b>		
<b>Have</b>	I/you/we/they	} finished?
<b>Has</b>	he/she/it	

- 2 The past participle of regular verbs is the same as the Past Simple form:

+ -ed:	wash → washed	start → started
+ -d:	live → lived	
-y → -ied:	reply → replied	study → studied
-p → -pped:	stop → stopped	

(For more details, see Table D on page 95.)

For the past participles of irregular verbs, see Table E on page 96.

- 3 We use the Present Perfect to talk about something that happened in the past, but we do not say exactly when it happened:

*I've seen this film **before**.* (**before** = before now)

We often use the Present Perfect in this way for things that happened in the past, and that have a result now:

*I've **seen** this film **before**. I don't want to see it **again** now.*

*She's **left** the company. She **doesn't** work there **now**.*

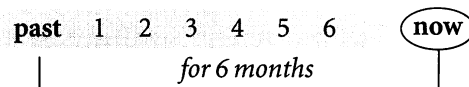
We often use the Present Perfect with **ever** (= at any time) and **never** (= at no time):

*Have you **ever** met a famous person?*

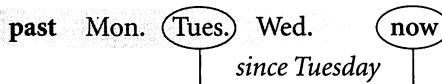
*He has **never** worked in a factory.*

- 4 We can use the Present Perfect with **for** and **since**, to talk about situations or actions in a period of time from the past until now. We use **for** with a period of time (e.g. **three months**), and **since** with a time (e.g. **Tuesday**):

*We've lived here **for six months**.*

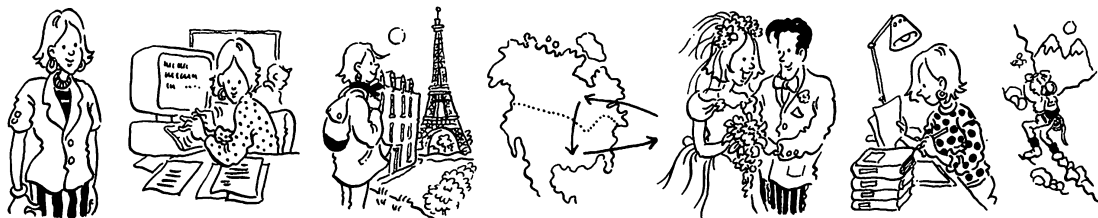


*I haven't seen Tom **since Tuesday**.*



### Practice

- A Look at the pictures that show what Jenny has done in her life. Complete the sentences about her, using the Present Perfect form of the verbs in brackets ( ).



- She has worked (work) as a secretary and as a schoolteacher.
- She \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Paris since 1991.
- She \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) Canada and the USA.
- She \_\_\_\_\_ (be) married for 4 years.
- She \_\_\_\_\_ (write) four books.
- She \_\_\_\_\_ (climb) Mont Blanc twice.

**B Complete the sentences using the Present Perfect form of the verbs in brackets ( ).**

- 0 Don't take my plate away. I haven't finished (not/finish) my meal.
- 1 A: What's that book about?  
B: I don't know. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/read) it.
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) my pen. Can I borrow yours, please?
- 3 My father \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) an expensive, new car.
- 4 A: I \_\_\_\_\_ (book) a room here for tonight.  
B: Yes madam, what's your name, please?
- 5 I \_\_\_\_\_ (make) some sandwiches. Would you like one?
- 6 I'm not sure what the problem with the car is.  
It \_\_\_\_\_ (not/happen) before.
- 7 A: \_\_\_\_\_ (you/reply) to that letter from the bank?  
B: No I haven't, but I'll do it soon.

**C Write this conversation using the Present Perfect and the words in brackets ( ).**

- Rob: (you / ever / want / to work in another country?)  
0 Have you ever wanted to work in another country?
- Brian: (Yes, in fact I / work / abroad.)  
1  
(I / work / in Ireland and in Brazil.)  
2  
(What about you? / you / ever / have / a job abroad?)  
3
- Rob: (No, I / never / want / to leave my home town.)  
4  
(I / live / here for twenty years, and I / never / think / of working abroad.)  
5
- Brian: (Really? Well, I / apply / for another job abroad.)  
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**D Make sentences with the Present Perfect and *for* or *since*.**

- 0 (I / not / play / tennis / last summer.)  
I haven't played tennis since last summer.
- 1 (I / know / her / more than ten years.)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 (I / not / eat / anything / lunchtime.)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 (you / live / in this town / a long time?)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 (Jill / be / a good friend / we were at school together.)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 (you / see / Jack / the party last week?)  
\_\_\_\_\_